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            IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
           FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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               RICHMOND DIVISION
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                                  : Civil No.
 4 ePLUS INC.
                                     3:09CV620
 5 v.
                                  : November 17, 2009
 6 LAWSON SOFTWARE, INC.
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           COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF CONFERENCE CALL
            BEFORE THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. PAYNE
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                UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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- 1 (The proceedings in this matter commenced at
- 2 2:30 p.m.)
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- 4 THE COURT: Hello.
- 5 MR. MERRITT: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Hi, Mr. McDonald. How are you?
- 7 MR. McDONALD: Pretty good, sir. How are
- 8 you?
- 9 THE COURT: Okay.
- We've got Mr. Robertson, Mr. Merritt, Mr.
- 11 Willett, and Mr. Carr here in the office, and we have a
- 12 court reporter.
- I have reviewed and thank you all for
- 14 preparing the proposed joint discovery plan. As a
- 15 preliminary matter, you-all refer to this as ePlus,
- 16 Inc. v. Lawson Software, Inc. The style of the case is
- 17 currently still whatever the first defendant was.
- 18 MR. CARR: Perfect Commerce.
- 19 THE COURT: Right. Do you all want to just
- 20 move the style of the case now to ePlus, Inc. v. Lawson
- 21 Software, Inc.?
- MR. MERRITT: Yes, sir.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. I'm just going to say that
- 24 we're going to do that, and all your pleadings
- 25 henceforth can bear that title. So we'll just do an

- 1 order that says that all of the defendants being no
- 2 longer in the case, the style of the case will be
- 3 ePlus, Inc. v. Lawson Software, Inc., and that all
- 4 pleadings filed hereafter will bear that title. The
- 5 number of the case will remain the same. All right?
- 6 I've reviewed your proposal. Now, this is
- 7 against a June 15 trial date or June 14, I believe it
- 8 was. Right?
- 9 MR. MERRITT: Correct.
- 10 THE COURT: Have you all talked about it and
- 11 do you all believe that's a realistic date because I
- 12 want it to be realistic so we don't have to keep
- 13 changing it? I know you-all were thinking of different
- 14 dates when you came here the last time.
- So where do you stand on that, Mr. Robertson,
- 16 since you represent the plaintiff?
- MR. ROBERTSON: We can live with that date,
- 18 Your Honor, and we will live with it.
- 19 THE COURT: You can?
- MR. MERRITT: Yes, sir.
- THE COURT: Everybody?
- MR. WILLETT: Yes.
- MR. CARR: Yes.
- 24 THE COURT: All right.
- Mr. McDonald, I want to know if you're as

- 1 spiffily dressed as Mr. Robertson is here. These
- 2 Richmond lawyers are kind of low key, but he's
- 3 high-styling over here with the newest style vest I've
- 4 ever seen. It's a good-looking look. I like that.
- 5 MR. ROBERTSON: Thank you.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. A couple of things. On
- 7 the protective order, has that been even entered yet?
- 8 MR. ROBERTSON: Yes, sir.
- 9 MR. MERRITT: Yes, sir.
- 10 THE COURT: I thought it had, but there's
- 11 another order floating around here in another case, and
- 12 I wasn't sure which one it was.
- 13 All right. Paragraph 10 of the proposed
- 14 order.
- MR. MERRITT: Is this the joint discovery
- 16 plan or is this the --
- 17 THE COURT: The plan.
- MR. MERRITT: Okay. Thank you.
- 19 THE COURT: It's the third page.
- Can you hear all right, Mr. McDonald?
- 21 MR. McDONALD: Yes, I can, Your Honor. Thank
- 22 you.
- THE COURT: You have two ways of dealing with
- 24 objections. Why? What is that intended to accomplish?
- 25 I'm really just asking because I don't understand it.

- 1 It looks to me like it says that if you're going to
- 2 file an objection but you're going to answer
- 3 notwithstanding your objection, you do it on one time
- 4 frame. If you're going to object and you really mean
- 5 it, you're going to do it on another. If that's not
- 6 what you mean, then I don't understand what you mean.
- 7 What's that or is that sort of an appendix
- 8 that came from somewhere else?
- 9 MR. ROBERTSON: Your Honor, I was not
- 10 actually involved in negotiating the stipulation. I
- 11 think, having just quickly glanced at it, that that was
- 12 the thrust of it.
- MR. McDONALD: That's my understanding as
- 14 well, Your Honor.
- 15 THE COURT: Which is it? That you had --
- 16 MR. ROBERTSON: You have three days if you're
- 17 going to be providing --
- 18 THE COURT: If you're going to answer
- 19 notwithstanding the objection?
- MR. ROBERTSON: Yes, sir.
- MR. McDONALD: Exactly.
- THE COURT: Okay. And otherwise, it's 15
- 23 days. The way it's done, it uses the word "served" in
- 24 the first scenario, and its says "and notify of the
- 25 objection" in the second scenario. Don't you want to

- 1 use the word "served" in both of them?
- MR. MERRITT: I believe so. That's correct.
- 3 THE COURT: You'll fix that up editorially,
- 4 will you?
- 5 MR. ROBERTSON: Yes, sir.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. On page 5, Lawson
- 7 proposes two summary judgments and the plaintiff wants
- 8 one. What's the reason for the two, Mr. McDonald or
- 9 Mr. Carr?
- MR. McDONALD: Your Honor, this is Mr.
- 11 McDonald. The main reason, I think, is that we thought
- 12 it was going to be bulky to put it all in one, and kind
- 13 of dense, and they are pretty discrete issues. We
- 14 thought these 101 and 112 issues could be resolved a
- 15 little earlier because they are basically based on the
- 16 intrinsic record only.
- MR. ROBERTSON: If I can be briefly heard on
- 18 that, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Yes. I just want to make sure I
- 20 understand what I'm talking about. Okay. All right.
- 21 I understand. All right. Go ahead, Mr. Robertson.
- MR. ROBERTSON: Yes, Your Honor. Well, the
- 23 presumption, Your Honor, the local rule, after great
- 24 thought and deliberation by the judges in this
- 25 district, is that one summary judgment is sufficient,

- 1 and if the defendant has arguments, it should
- 2 prioritize, and it should pick its best arguments and
- 3 put those before the Court.
- 4 What the defendant wants to do here is
- 5 seriatim, file the first summary judgment on March 1, I
- 6 understand, on grounds of 101, which is this
- 7 patentability defense, this new Bilski defense that was
- 8 just argued before the Supreme Court last week, and
- 9 it's probably not going to be decided until after
- 10 March 1 when the defendant wants to file its motion.
- 11 And another grounds in that motion are on this Section
- 12 112, which is whether the claims are enabled.
- Neither of those arguments are going to be
- 14 case dispositive in this case, Your Honor, but 101
- 15 arguments are directed to what are called these method
- 16 or process claims. There are other claims, systems and
- 17 apparatus claims that are not subject to that defense.
- 18 And the 112 defense is only directed to the means plus
- 19 function claims. There are going to be other claims in
- 20 this case that don't involve means plus function.
- 21 So what happens is the defendant wants to
- 22 whittle away at the claims here and then depending on
- 23 the outcome wants to then raise anticipation 102,
- 24 obvious 103, and probably non-infringement in the
- 25 second wave.

- 1 It's going to involve 60 pages of briefing
- 2 each time. Sixty in opposition and 40 in reply. I
- 3 think it's a burden on the Court and on the plaintiff.
- 4 I think it's contrary to the efficient administration
- 5 of this case. And we would respectfully suggest that
- 6 the defendant should do what every other litigant does
- 7 in this district, and that is prioritize its arguments
- 8 and place the best ones in front of you.
- 9 THE COURT: All right. Mr. McDonald.
- 10 MR. McDONALD: Yes. I apologize, Your Honor,
- 11 I couldn't hear everything Mr. Robertson said.
- 12 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Maybe you need to
- 13 speak up a little bit. This usually picks up
- 14 everywhere. It's a pretty good --
- Do you want it all again or do you think you
- 16 got the gist of it?
- MR. McDONALD: I think I got the gist of it.
- 18 I think on the Section 101 issue, certainly Bilski has
- 19 been recently argued. I think there's a decent chance
- 20 it will be decided by then. But even if it's not, I do
- 21 think the issue is sufficiently ripe. I don't think
- 22 we're going to wait around until March or April or any
- 23 other time for that decision to come down.
- I'm really thinking about it from a case
- 25 management standpoint, though, but every one of these

- 1 issues is fairly complex, but when we get into the
- 2 prior art related issues under Section 102 and 103,
- 3 that's going to be much more fact intensive in terms of
- 4 what is the prior art and matching it up types of
- 5 things than the 101 and 112 issues, and I just thought
- 6 it would be easier on the Court and really on the
- 7 parties as well to divide and conquer these issues
- 8 because they are pretty separable, and then we don't
- 9 have to wait until the one big motion on the end to do
- 10 everything while we're on the home stretch before
- 11 trial.
- 12 THE COURT: Who has gone to calculate the
- 13 date that the summary judgment motions are due here?
- 14 Let me go back and see.
- MR. McDONALD: I believe it was around
- 16 April 12 or 14.
- 17 THE COURT: It says summary judgments no
- 18 later than 62 days before the schedule.
- 19 MR. MERRITT: Sixty-two days is April 13,
- 20 Your Honor.
- THE COURT: April 13?
- MR. MERRITT: Yes, sir.
- THE COURT: Well, it sounds to me like,
- 24 Mr. Robertson, your basic objection is that this
- 25 proposal presents an opportunity for the addition of

- 1 claims in the second round that wouldn't otherwise be
- 2 presented if his proposal wasn't accepted. Would that
- 3 not be eliminated if there was no decision rendered
- 4 before the other summary judgments were due? Which is
- 5 very likely what will happen anyway.
- 6 MR. ROBERTSON: Well, if I'm following you,
- 7 sir, I think the answer is no. What the plaintiff has
- 8 agreed to do is voluntarily narrow its claims. We
- 9 believe that all 79 are infringed, but we have agreed
- 10 to reduce them down to 13. And all this briefing would
- 11 happen after we reduced them down to 13.
- 12 THE COURT: No, that's not what I meant to
- 13 say. I may not have said it right. I understand your
- 14 point you have just made, I think. But as I understood
- 15 what you were saying before is that this, you see, is a
- 16 device to -- once these issues are decided is a way to
- 17 allow them to file 102 and 103 and other summary
- 18 judgments that might not already be filed but for the
- 19 ruling that he would get on these if they went his way.
- 20 And I guess my reaction is why would that happen if we
- 21 don't decide it. Let them go on and be filed, but I'll
- 22 consider them when all of them are filed.
- MR. ROBERTSON: I suppose that's true, Your
- 24 Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: If that's your real objection.

- 1 MR. ROBERTSON: It would be pocket vetoed in
- 2 a sense by the Court.
- 3 THE COURT: No, it's called a pragmatic work
- 4 scheduling veto.
- 5 MR. ROBERTSON: Well, I'd like to just avoid
- 6 all the briefing in the first place. If Mr. McDonald
- 7 thinks his 101 and 112 arguments are the best, he can
- 8 combine them in one 30-page summary judgment, and it
- 9 just needs to be concise and articulate and persuasive.
- 10 MR. McDONALD: I'm sorry to interrupt, Your
- 11 Honor. Can Mr. Robertson speak up?
- 12 THE COURT: Why don't you move this thing out
- 13 of the way and pull it that way, and then you slide
- 14 your chair over here and speak up.
- MR. ROBERTSON: I guess the one point I would
- 16 like to make in response to this Bilski issue, Your
- 17 Honor, that's just been argued before the Supreme
- 18 Court, and --
- 19 THE COURT: Refresh me on that.
- MR. ROBERTSON: This is an argument about
- 21 whether or not perhaps a pure mental step can be
- 22 patentable in a process claim which is a method claim,
- 23 which is someone -- think of baking a cake and putting
- 24 together all the recipes. A process like that, the
- 25 steps of baking a cake, could be patented.

- 1 Vulcanizing rubber was a famous patent for
- 2 the steps of how you would vulcanize rubber. Process
- 3 method claims have been around for a long time. The
- 4 questions become whether you could have something that
- 5 was just pure mental steps.
- 6 THE COURT: What did the Federal Circuit
- 7 decide on that?
- 8 MR. ROBERTSON: The Federal Circuit adopted
- 9 what was called a machine or transformation test that
- 10 if you tied the steps to a machine, perhaps a precise
- 11 machine, or if you transform matter in some way, then
- 12 that would be a patentable process.
- 13 The conventional wisdom out there is that the
- 14 Supreme Court, as it's done repeatedly, as Your Honor
- 15 is aware of, over the past couple years, is going to
- 16 reverse the Federal Circuit on that.
- In the meantime, I can tell you that every
- 18 Bilski decision that's gone up to the Federal Circuit,
- 19 they are staying the appeal pending the outcome of the
- 20 Supreme Court's decision.
- 21 So I don't really think we're going to
- 22 advance the ball on this 101 case. It is kind of the
- 23 defense du jour, if I may, Your Honor, that a lot of
- 24 people are now raising.
- THE COURT: What happens to the case if the

- 1 Federal Circuit is affirmed in this case? What happens
- 2 to this case then as you see it?
- 3 MR. ROBERTSON: Well --
- 4 THE COURT: Mr. McDonald, since it's your
- 5 issue.
- 6 MR. McDONALD: Well, I think there are
- 7 certain claims of these three patents that will be
- 8 invalid under the current Federal Circuit test.
- 9 THE COURT: If the Federal Circuit is
- 10 affirmed, that issue can be decided as late as after
- 11 the trial, can it not? If it's decided to affirm the
- 12 Federal Circuit, those issues can be decided after the
- 13 trial, right?
- MR. McDONALD: I guess we could petition at
- 15 that point. I'm not sure if our burden might be a
- 16 little heavier at that point, though, to get the
- 17 benefit of that at that point.
- 18 THE COURT: Why is that?
- MR. McDONALD: Excuse me.
- THE COURT: Why is that?
- 21 MR. McDONALD: Well, if there's already been
- 22 an adjudication on it, we have a higher burden at that
- 23 point to seek reconsideration or a change in the
- 24 decision, it seems to me, after --
- THE COURT: No, I'll just hold it in

- 1 abeyance.
- 2 MR. McDONALD: Before you enter a judgment
- 3 even, you're saying?
- 4 THE COURT: Yes.
- 5 MR. McDONALD: Okay. Well, I would agree
- 6 then. We wouldn't have necessarily a higher burden,
- 7 but I'm not sure that there would be any jury issues
- 8 actually on this.
- 9 THE COURT: What jury issues did you say
- 10 there were? I may have misunderstood you.
- MR. McDONALD: I'm having trouble picturing
- 12 what the jury issues would be. Obviously, the
- 13 plaintiff is going to try to claim there's some issue
- 14 of fact, I suppose.
- I think it's the sort of issue that is,
- 16 because it's on the intrinsic record of the patent
- 17 prosecution history, really is going to be based on
- 18 undisputed facts. So I guess the question you're
- 19 asking is do we hold that in abeyance depending on what
- 20 the Supreme Court decides.
- 21 THE COURT: No. What I'm trying to think
- 22 through is this: If I apply the rule that the Federal
- 23 Circuit has in its extant decisions, you win and they
- 24 lose. Is that what you think happens?
- MR. McDONALD: Yes.

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1 THE COURT: All right. And you win and they
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- 2 lose on what?
- 3 MR. McDONALD: On certain of the claims. I
- 4 don't know which of the 79 they are going to assert
- 5 here, but I think there's a number of them that would
- 6 not pass the machine or transformation test. It's too
- 7 abstract.
- THE COURT: Do you agree with that, Mr.
- 9 Robertson, that if we apply the formulation currently
- 10 in effect by virtue of the Bilski decision, that some
- 11 of your claims would fall for lack of patentability?
- MR. ROBERTSON: Absolutely not, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Why not?
- 14 MR. ROBERTSON: Because they are all tied to
- 15 machine. They are all computer-implemented. This is
- 16 not something that's just an abstract idea that someone
- 17 is just thinking about and performing those steps, such
- 18 as calibrating something or recognizing a connection
- 19 between a heightened protein level and some, you know,
- 20 chemical deficiency where someone is just thinking.
- 21 All these things go forward, and it's clear
- 22 from the patents, on a computer system and over a
- 23 network. So it's all machine tied. We win. In fact,
- 24 the --
- THE COURT: You win either way?

- 1 MR. ROBERTSON: I win either way because the
- 2 Supreme Court is thinking of broadening the test.
- 3 Conventional wisdom, again, and I'm tea leaf reading.
- 4 THE COURT: I want to know how do you know
- 5 what the Supreme Court is thinking? Because I want
- 6 some inside info myself.
- 7 MR. ROBERTSON: It's the way they frame the
- 8 question, quite frankly, and who they took it on appeal
- 9 from, I think, gives a lot of insight into what their
- 10 thinking is. But, again, there is a tea-leaf reading
- 11 quality to this.
- 12 THE COURT: Of course.
- MR. ROBERTSON: The fact is, the view is that
- 14 the Supreme Court thinks the Federal Circuit took too
- 15 narrow a view of what patentability is.
- In a famous case, Chakrabatry -- it's always
- 17 hard saying that, but --
- 18 THE COURT: You think you had trouble, wait
- 19 until she tries to type it. You'll have to give her
- 20 the spelling.
- 21 MR. ROBERTSON: I will do that. It's that
- 22 anything under the sun made by man is patentable. And
- 23 this is certainly a computer-implemented system that's
- 24 been made by man and has been implemented.
- So I think we win either way. But what I

- 1 would like is it to be decided -- I think it's a pure
- 2 legal issue that should be decided under the right
- 3 test. And we don't know what the right test is right
- 4 now, Your Honor.
- 5 And so my thinking would be that if we went
- 6 forward, the claims were found to infringe, but later
- 7 on the Supreme Court -- either the Federal Circuit was
- 8 upheld or the Supreme Court redefined the test, it's
- 9 either going to be an issue that's a pure legal issue
- 10 for appeal that can say, This claim wasn't patentable
- 11 in the first place.
- Because I don't disagree with Mr. McDonald
- 13 that the claim is what the claim is, and that is pretty
- 14 much the four corners of the record along with the
- 15 specification prosecution history.
- 16 THE COURT: All right.
- 17 MR. McDONALD: One way we could do this, Your
- 18 Honor, if I might suggest something else.
- 19 If the 101 issue is there's a concern on this
- 20 question mark hanging there near the Supreme Court,
- 21 well, it might make sense to divide out just the 112
- 22 issue and have that one be the earlier filed motion.
- 23 There's no particular case I think we're waiting for on
- 24 that issue.
- MR. ROBERTSON: I just want to avoid the two

- 1 bites at the apple fairness issue.
- THE COURT: Why is that two bites at an
- 3 apple?
- 4 MR. ROBERTSON: Because it's two summary
- 5 judgment motions, Your Honor. It deviates from the
- 6 accepted practice here in the sense that everybody
- 7 would want more summary judgments. I'd like more
- 8 summary judgments.
- 9 THE COURT: You would? What would you do
- 10 with two?
- 11 MR. ROBERTSON: Let me take that back. I'll
- 12 tell you what I've done in a case before. I filed
- 13 summary judgments in infringement in front of Judge
- 14 Brinkama and Judge Spencer and was told at argument
- 15 that we were this close to proving it, but they wanted
- 16 to give the defendant its day in court, and they wanted
- 17 to hear the evidence because there was some complex
- 18 evidence. And it was denied on that basis and we moved
- 19 forward to the trial.
- I'm actually contemplating likely to not file
- 21 a summary judgment of infringement at this time because
- 22 I don't want to burden the Court, and I think we ought
- 23 to just get the evidence in front of you. So I'm
- 24 probably going to go with none other than if I have to
- 25 cross move on some of these defenses that Mr. McDonald

- 1 is planning on raising.
- 2 THE COURT: All right.
- I think the answer to this is let's do it all
- 4 at one time and maybe just give you a few more pages.
- 5 All right? I don't see any more than an extra 15 pages
- 6 will be necessary to deal with this. So you-all work
- 7 that out in the new edition.
- 8 In paragraph 4A on page 5, you-all say 10 to
- 9 15 days. When you were here before you said eight. Is
- 10 that just something that didn't get corrected?
- MR. CARR: I think so, Your Honor. We didn't
- 12 change it.
- 13 THE COURT: Approximately eight.
- 14 MR. ROBERTSON: Oversight on our part, sir.
- 15 THE COURT: That's all right.
- 16 MR. McDONALD: I thought it was eight to ten.
- 17 THE COURT: Was it? All right. We'll put
- 18 eight to ten in there then.
- 19 All right. On page 2 of the order, I mean
- 20 what is it, Pretrial Schedule A, the hearing on summary
- 21 judgment.
- MR. MERRITT: Yes, sir.
- THE COURT: Forty. All right?
- MR. McDONALD: Four-zero?
- 25 THE COURT: Four-zero. That means you-all

- 1 have a total of 22 days to get a response brief and a
- 2 reply brief in and give me time to read it. Okay.
- What are you going to do about the experts
- 4 here and how does your expert schedule here impact the
- 5 schedule that leads up to the trial in Roman numeral V
- 6 and up to the final pretrial conference on May the
- 7 21st?
- 8 MR. MERRITT: Judge, the idea was, I believe,
- 9 following your instructions when we met last week was
- 10 to try to have things sequenced. So Markman, experts,
- 11 and the close of summary judgment happen in a way so
- 12 that you don't have people running back to you saying
- 13 we haven't gotten certain things done, so we can't, for
- 14 example, do summary judgment.
- The way this order is set up, we move through
- 16 the Markman process early. That is followed by the
- 17 conclusion of the expert disclosures and discovery,
- 18 which is then followed by the summary judgment process.
- 19 So the pieces fall in line and you don't have one party
- 20 or the other running back to you saying we can't do the
- 21 stage here because we haven't completed something that
- 22 needs to be done. So, hopefully, they flow together
- 23 that way.
- We get the claims narrowed, then we have
- 25 Markman, then we have the expert process, and then we

- 1 have summary judgment. And that was certainly the
- 2 intentions. Hopefully, it all flows together that way.
- 3 MR. CARR: Just to put some dates on it,
- 4 Judge, we would finish expert reports on March 29.
- 5 THE COURT: Yes, I see that.
- 6 MR. CARR: That's the facts discovery cutoff.
- 7 And then all the things that have to happen before the
- 8 pretrial conference, those would start beginning on
- 9 April 30, which is 21 days before. So we'd have enough
- 10 time in between those things.
- 11 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. MERRITT: Judge, there were two places in
- 13 the order that we submitted where we plugged in
- 14 bracketed dates not wanting to presume what the Court
- 15 would have available, but for discussions purposes we
- 16 put them in the approximate time frame we thought they
- 17 might happen. Both of those are on page 8.
- 18 THE COURT: Yes.
- 19 MR. MERRITT: One of those would be the
- 20 Markman hearing. The other one would be the final
- 21 pretrial. The bracketed dates, obviously, are not --
- 22 they're estimates. They're not anything the Court has
- 23 cleared.
- 24 THE COURT: How long do you think the Markman
- 25 hearing would take?

- 1 MR. ROBERTSON: I just anticipate oral
- 2 argument, Your Honor. So an hour each. An afternoon
- 3 or morning.
- 4 THE COURT: He says an hour each.
- 5 MR. McDONALD: I think it could be done
- 6 between about two and three hours total, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. January 22 then for
- 8 that at 1:30. All right. I'm going to tentatively put
- 9 the final pretrial conference on May the 20th, but I'm
- 10 going to tell you that I'm under a command to take my
- 11 wife down the Danube River, and that's one of the time
- 12 frames we're looking at. So I may change that.
- MR. McDONALD: Is that the 20th, Your Honor?
- 14 THE COURT: At 9:30 in the morning.
- MR. McDONALD: All right.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. How many witnesses do
- 17 you all see this case involving, Mr. Robertson, from
- 18 your standpoint?
- 19 MR. ROBERTSON: Likely three experts, Your
- 20 Honor, possibly four. Most likely three. The three
- 21 inventors, I might not use all three inventors since
- 22 they tell the same story, but each approach the problem
- 23 from a different aspect. And probably the president of
- 24 my company. So what's that six, seven total, Your
- 25 Honor, perhaps.

- 1 THE COURT: How about you, Mr. McDonald?
- 2 MR. McDONALD: I think it would be around
- 3 eight witnesses, Your Honor, including three experts,
- 4 two or three people from Lawson, some third-party
- 5 testimony, which that part isn't crystallized too much
- 6 yes, but probably IBM personnel and perhaps a couple of
- 7 customers.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Anything else?
- 9 MR. McDONALD: Not from here, Your Honor.
- 10 MR. MERRITT: No, sir.
- 11 THE COURT: I just assigned this case to
- 12 Judge Dohnal, who handles settlement. So I would like
- 13 for you to go down and set up with him an appointment
- 14 to get on his schedule or handle it by telephone. One
- 15 way or the other. It's up to you all.
- And you'll do a new order. Why don't you
- 17 caption it, it will be an agreed discovery plan. I
- 18 think the only thing I ruled in dispute was how to deal
- 19 with the summary judgment motions.
- 20 All right. Then if you will get that done,
- 21 we'll be ready to go. Thank you all very much.
- MR. MERRITT: Thank you, Judge.
- 23 THE COURT: I appreciate your working and
- 24 getting this worked out. I hope it will work for you.
- MR. ROBERTSON: Thank you.

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             THE COURT: Thank you.
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             Bye, Mr. McDonald.
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             MR. McDONALD: Thank you, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: I'm going to have Mr. Carr take a
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 5 picture of Mr. Robertson's suit.
             MR. McDONALD: I appreciate that.
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             THE COURT: Or else get the model and style
   number so you can get it.
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             Bye-bye.
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             (The proceedings were adjourned at 3:13 p.m.)
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             I, Diane J. Daffron, certify that the
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15 foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of my
16 stenographic notes.
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                     /s/ Diane J. Daffron
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                DIANE J. DAFFRON, RPR, CCR
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